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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 875
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate our former colleague, Senator
Ronnie Greer, on the celebration of his 50th
birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to honor those Tennesseans who, through their dedication to their fellow citizens and commitment to the highest ideals of public service, have achieved the universal respect and appreciation of the citizens in their community and this State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ronnie Greer is one such distinguished gentleman who is most deserving of merit and praise for his lifetime of public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Greer will celebrate his 50th birthday on July 26, 2002; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed Senator of the Ninety-fourth through Ninety-eighth Tennessee General Assemblies, he diligently and conscientiously served his constituents with the greatest integrity, dedication, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, during his decade of distinguished service, Ronnie Greer was a positive force for change and growth, while remaining true to the honorable and upright principles that have served as the foundation for Tennessee government since its inception; and

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WHEREAS, highly-respected by his colleagues, Senator Greer served with distinction as a member of many committees, including Chairman of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee and as a member of the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, for his extraordinary service with the Tennessee General Assembly, he has been recognized as the 1993 Outstanding Legislator by the Environmental Action Fund and the 1989 Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Conservation League; and

WHEREAS, although he is no longer a member of the Tennessee General Assembly, Ronnie Greer has remained active in local and national government; he has dedicated his time and considerable talents serving as Chairman of the Republican Party in Greene County; he also lends his significant expertise to Lamar Alexander's campaign for the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous endeavors in political service, Senator Greer serves with the utmost acumen and alacrity as a practicing attorney; and

WHEREAS, he epitomizes the commitment to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Ronnie Greer is blessed with the love and companionship of his wife, Bunny Greer; they are the proud parents of Hannah Greer, who will be beginning kindergarten this August at the Towering Oaks Baptist Church Christian School; and

WHEREAS, Senator Greer evinces his devout faith as an active member of the Towering Oaks Baptist Church, where he faithfully serves as a Sunday School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, he is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, it is this General Assembly's great privilege and honor to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most remarkable public servants on the celebration of the fifth decade of his life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor our former colleague, Senator Ronnie Greer, upon the occasion of his 50th birthday, recognize his indelible record of meritorious service with the Tennessee General Assembly, commend his continued commitment to the State of Tennessee and its citizenry, and extend to him our sincere best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of the resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.